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Friday, August 31, 2007

Surprise! 7.5% growth

2nd quarter figure highest in 20 years

SURPRISING ECONOMISTS, THE Philippine economy grew at its fastest annual pace in 20 years in the second quarter as government spending and private consumption expanded.



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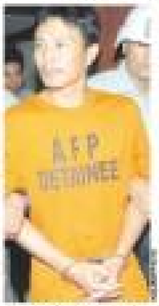
Challenged by journalist, GMA on verge of flaring up

No bail for Joma under Dutch law



SECOND-DAY RALLY FOR JOMA.

'PNP witness jailed, couldn't have given orders'



Abalos admits ZTE paid for China trips



THE OTHER SIDE.

FOR DESAPARECIDOS

SC drafting writ of habeas data invoking right to truth

Second FRONTPAGE

SUPERLOTTO 6/49

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Wiretapper vows more names

By Norman Bordadora and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

VIDAL DOBLE, THE FORMER Army sergeant who claims to be one of those involved in the Project Lighthouse bugging operation that netted the "Hello Garci" conversations, also heard conversations of many other high-ranking government officials, including a top election official.

Illegal act

GMA no target



Colleges to teach human rights

Lawyer wants new Erap witness 'noted'



Magdalo recruiting anew, Bicol cops say

By Alcuin Papa and DJ Yap



Emergency agri funds used for TV sets, curtains

By Jocelyn R. Uy

So sorry, solon tells GSIS head

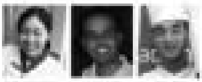






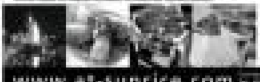
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Abalos name not in BI arrival, departure records for China

To Hong Kong

Poll ban on gov't deals may be the reason

Abalos admits ZTE paid for trips

Abalos daughter

Meeting at Teves' house

Social visits to China 3 to 4 times

'Son of God'

Serious accusation

Impeachable offense

Corrections

Ngayon, mas masarap nang mag videoke!

Madali nang pumili ng kanta, *no need for a songbook!*

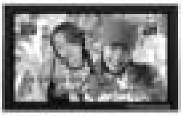


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GMA reneged on promise to raise Mindanao budget, solons lament

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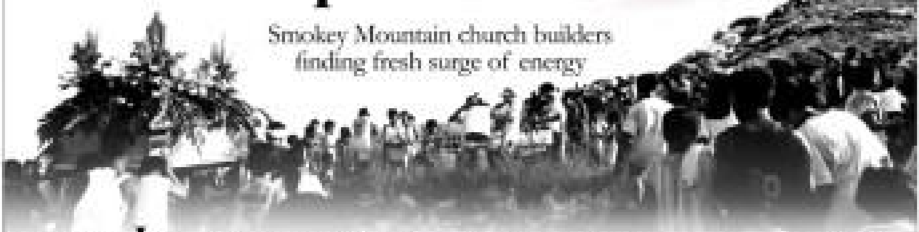
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DELUXE ELEVATING FOOTREST

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'Salamat sa Desisyon ng Korte Suprema 13-0'

Smokey Mountain church builders finding fresh surge of energy



It's a continuing story of strife and joy, of struggle and relief. But underlying this unfolding work to build the world's first "green" church is persistence of faith.

The Parish of the Resurrected Christ in Tondo, Manila, which covers the community of former dwellers and scavengers of the once huge Smokey Mountain garbage mound, is making a mark for the world to behold.

This work now progresses with renewed vigor, coming on the heels of the recent 13-0 decision of the Supreme Court that upholds the validity of the **Smokey Mountain Reclamation and Development Project** undertaken by the **National Housing Authority** and the **R-II Builders Inc.**

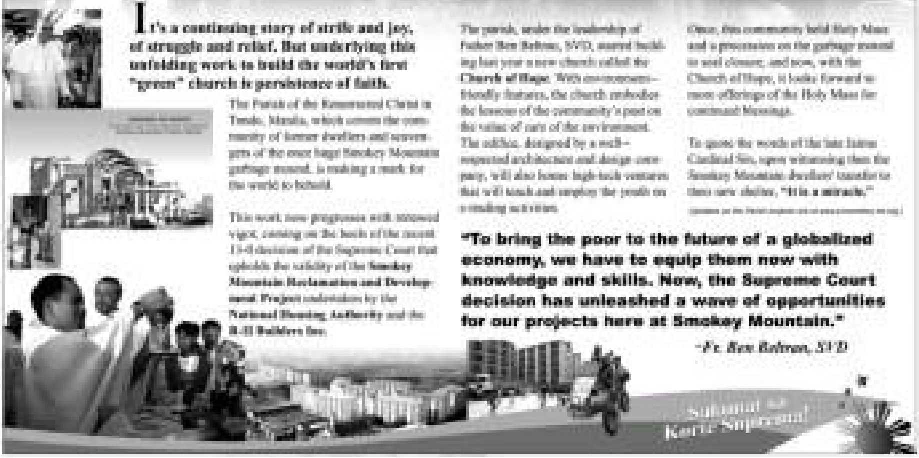
The parish, under the leadership of Father Ben Beltran, SVD, started building last year a new church called the **Church of Hope**. With environment-friendly features, the church embodies the lessons of the community's past on the value of care of the environment. The edifice, designed by a well-respected architecture and design company, will also house high-tech ventures that will teach and employ the youth on e-trading activities.

Once, this community held Holy Mass and a procession on the garbage mound to seal closure, and now, with the Church of Hope, it looks forward to more offerings of the Holy Mass for continued blessings.

To quote the words of the late Jaime Cardinal Sin, upon witnessing then the Smokey Mountain dwellers' transfer to their new shelter, **"It is a miracle."**

"To bring the poor to the future of a globalized economy, we have to equip them now with knowledge and skills. Now, the Supreme Court decision has unleashed a wave of opportunities for our projects here at Smokey Mountain."

-Fr. Ben Beltran, SVD



Aussie firm told to stop mining exploration in Vizcaya

Boy to get new liver

The Daily Gospel





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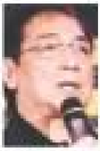
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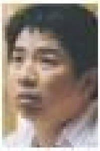
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2 other graft cases

Joey vs Willie ...



DE LEON: The subject is joking



REVILLAME: The subject is ...

Root of controversy

'Honest mistake'

'Know nothing'

Explain before complaining

Consumer Welfare Code

Waiting for report

WINSTON IN CONCERT RESCHEDULED!

Winston would like to inform its loyal followers that the concert in Greenhills on Aug. 31 has been moved to Sept. 28. It will be held in Eastwood Central Plaza and will feature hot bands Bamboo, Kjwan and Sino Sikat!

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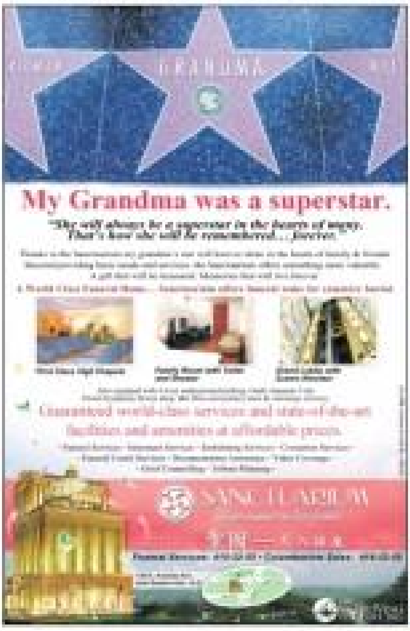
Asean free-trade talks with Australia, NZ extended

SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES, Australia and New Zealand have extended the deadline for concluding their free-trade negotiations to May and hope to sign an accord next year, an official said Thursday.

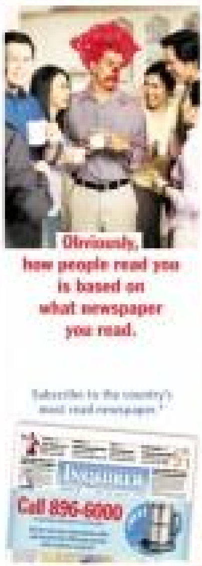
The free-trade talks between the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the agricultural powerhouses have run into some rough spots, with Malaysia reportedly complaining the two countries were insisting on including concessions in areas that could stall the negotiations.

Both sides initially looked at concluding the negotiations this year, but Australian Ambassador to the Philippines Tony Hely said the deadline has been extended to May.

A deal could be signed next August during the meeting of Asean economic ministers. AP











Surprise! 7.3% growth; Q2 figure highest in 20 years

Difficult to sustain

Services posted highest growth

Mining, construction boom

Agri slowdown

Infra spending

Consumer spending

Merchandise exports slow



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Construction real driver

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GMA off to Malaysia with entourage of 52

By Torre Quismundo

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Journalists told: Connect with masses

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GMA panicked by Senate probe of Garci tapes

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No atheists during the bar exams

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan

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Gov't trying to claim credit for Sison's arrest

ANALYSIS



Amando Doronila

'Bayaning doktor'

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Michael L. Tan

Crabs and God's design

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

Art and heritage

LOOKING BACK



Ambeth R. Ocampo

Inquirer singling out the GSIS and Winston Garcia?

LETTERS



Pensioner dies without getting GSIS pension

Curse of the Garci tapes

Boxers show officials qualities needed to lead

Across the NATION

Bishop links priest's murder to funds for new parish church

By Cristina Arzadon
Inquirer Northern Luzon

LAOAG CITY—RESENTMENT OVER DONATIONS that went to the construction of a new P5-million parish church in Pinili town may have cost the life of Fr. Florante Rigonan, police said.

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Witnesses

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RIGONAN

Bird flu surveillance starts

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Army says 4 NPA rebs captured

LUCENA CITY—AT LEAST FOUR suspected New People's Army rebels were captured after a clash with government forces on Wednesday in the village of Ilayang in Unisan, Quezon, the military spokesperson here said yesterday.

Army Maj. Rodolfo Tapuno, deputy spokesperson of the Armed Forces Southern Luzon Command (Solcom) based here in Camp Nakar, identified two of the rebels as one Ka Marlon, alleged vice platoon leader of a unit under the NPA Guerrilla Front 41 (Sub-GF 11), and a certain Ka Joan, a ranking leader of an NPA propaganda unit.

Tapuno said that at around 4 p.m. a patrol team from the Army's 76th Infantry Battalion chanced upon about 30 NPA rebels, who were about to collect "taxes" from villagers.

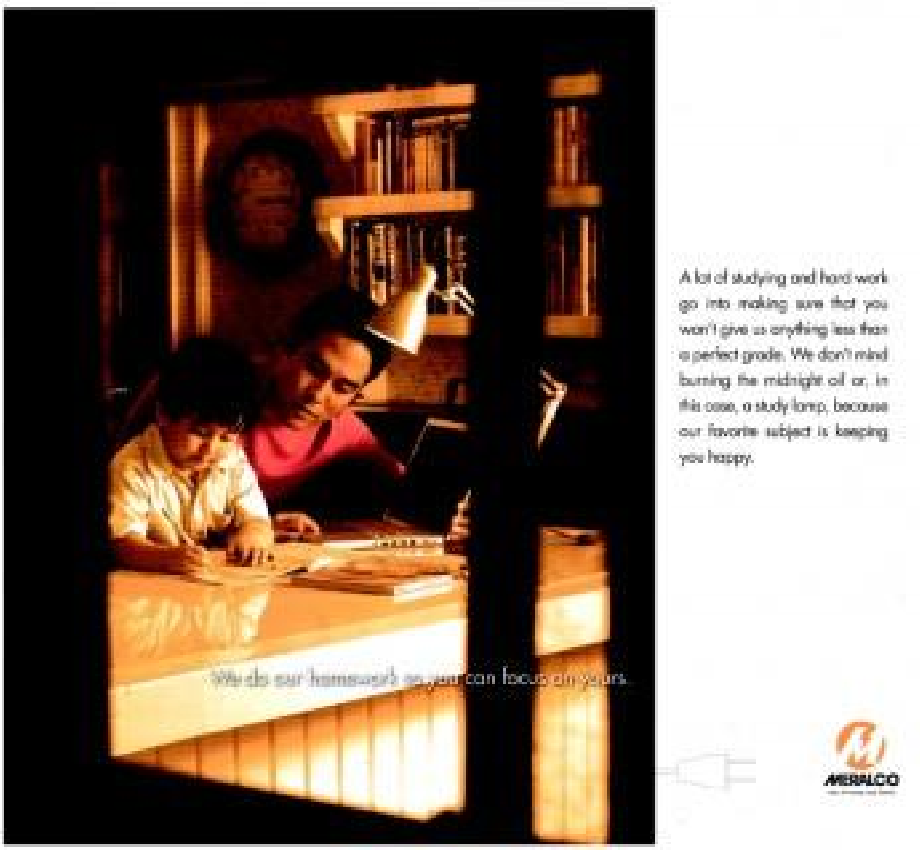
A gunfight ensued, lasting for about 15 minutes. The rebels escaped in several directions, leaving behind four comrades who were cornered by the government troopers.

The captured rebels were not wounded, said the report.

There were no casualties on the government side, Tapuno said.

He said the NPA leadership in Southern Tagalog wanted to reactivate a guerrilla unit operating in the Bondoc Peninsula and the Lamon Bay area. —Delfin T. Mallari Jr., Inquirer Southern Luzon







Army bares NPA threat to attack mine firm

NPA directive

Defense shield

Protest march

Mining

Fund transfer delays Bicol schools repair

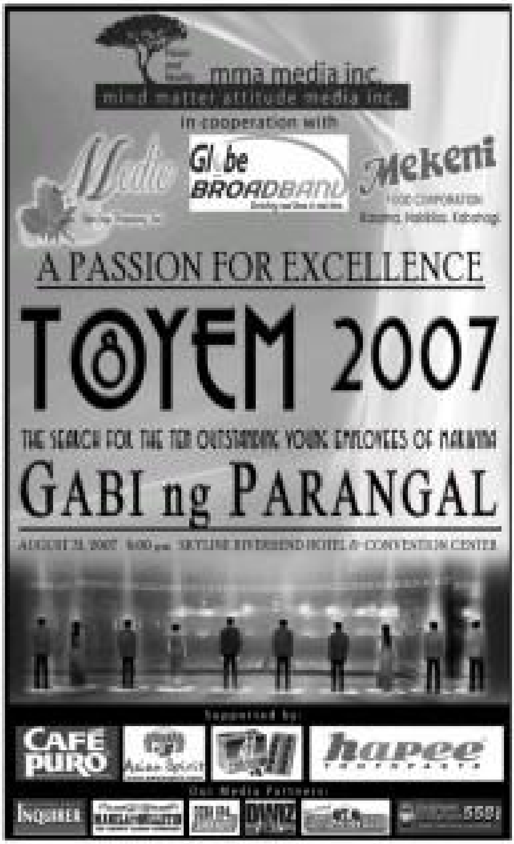
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Strategy for arrest

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Congress' inquiry

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De Guzman's arrest



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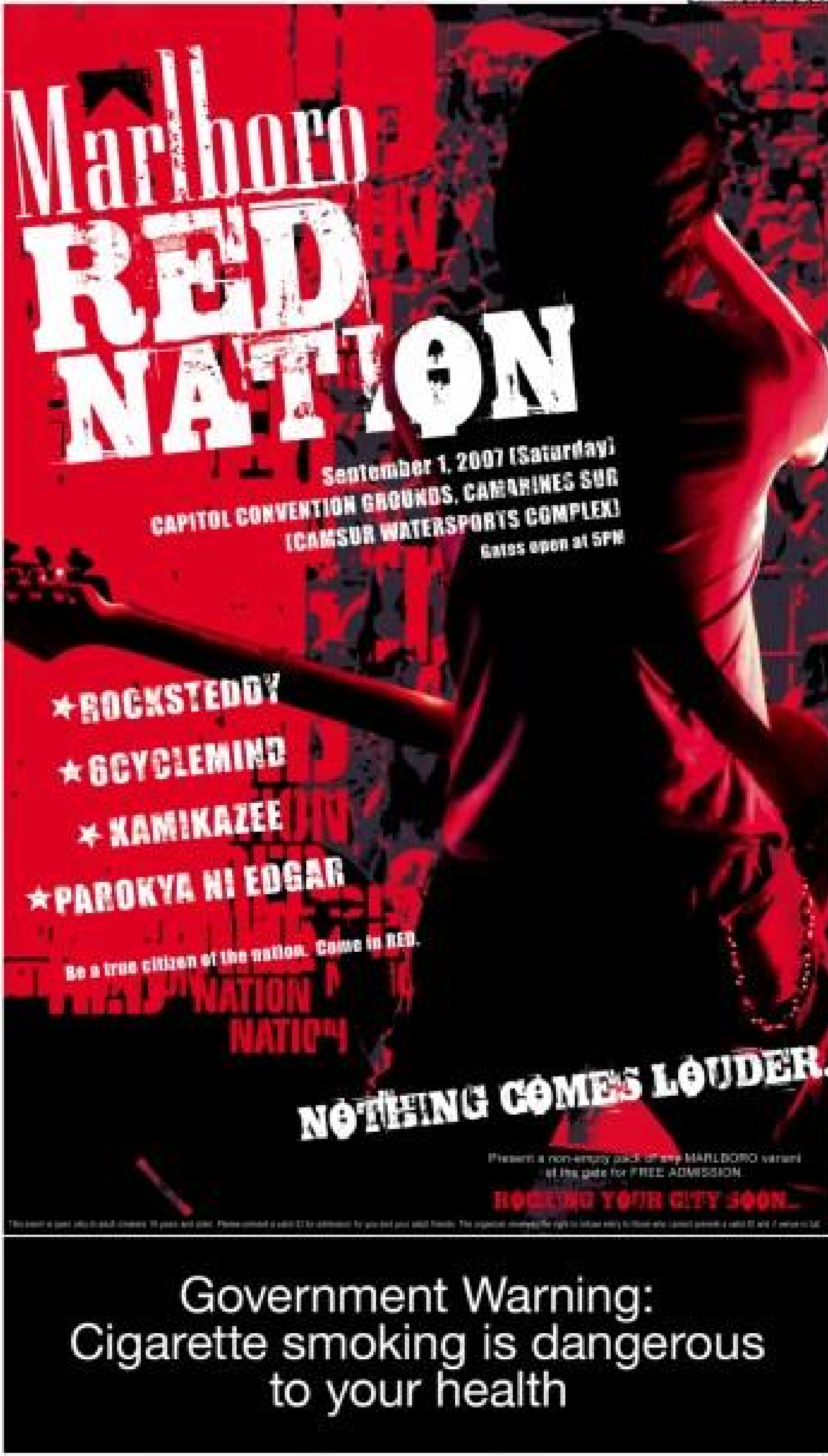
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SHIITE cleric Moqtada al-Sadr

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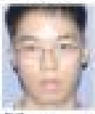
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Editor: Teddyvic B. Melendres Assistant Editor: Francis T.J. Ochoa

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Long lifts Eagles past Tigers



ATENEO's Kirk Long with UST's Mark Cardona and Jervy Cruz (partly hidden) during yesterday's game at the Big Dome.

By Musong R. Castillo

KIRK LONG WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO TAKE THE SHOT BUT the American rookie took the risk and gave Ateneo a 72-71 victory over defending champion University of Santo Tomas yesterday in the 70th UAAP men's basketball tournament at the Araneta Coliseum.

La'O leads way for RP bets with 68

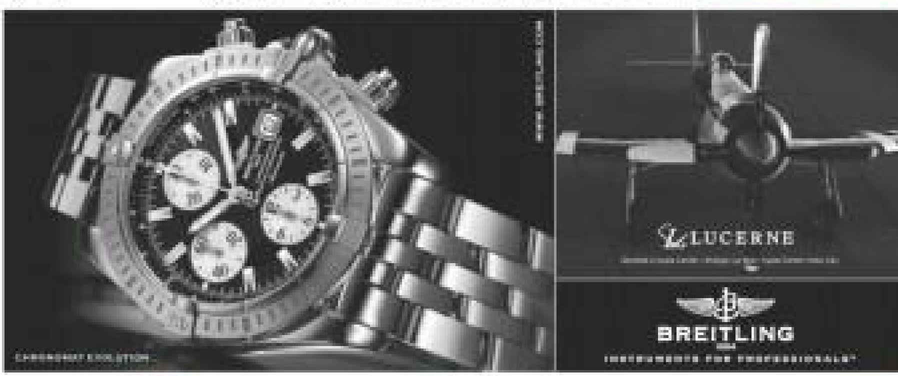


CHOKSIE La'O

Pacquiao the writer

2% CAR/TRUCK LOAN







Realtors down RP five, gain Brunei semis

AMA, SSC-C complete cast

M. Fernando, Ababa share 54-hole lead



MARK Fernando's 1-under-par 71 despite tough pin placements.

Knights seek Final Four incentive vs Red Lions

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Beckham suffers knee injury

Horse flu spreads to New South Wales

Hurting Nadal survives rival



Distress calls from Wild Card gym



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Recah Trinidad

US, Argentina stay unbeaten

Yi signs up with Bucks



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Stocks jump 3.45% on robust GDP growth



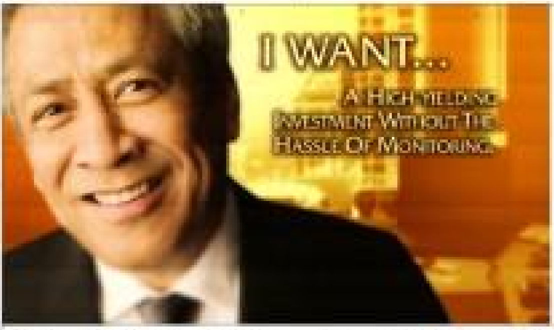
But market direction still hinged on Wall St.

THE STOCK MARKET ROSE SHARPLY YESTERDAY, SHAKING OFF recent worries about the US credit market, after the government announced better-than-expected economic growth figures.



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MUNICIPALITY OF VINTAR

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SWARM project to cover watersheds, small farms; volunteers wanted

RP air travel market grows with region

Hotel group eyes Bohol

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CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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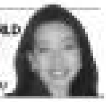


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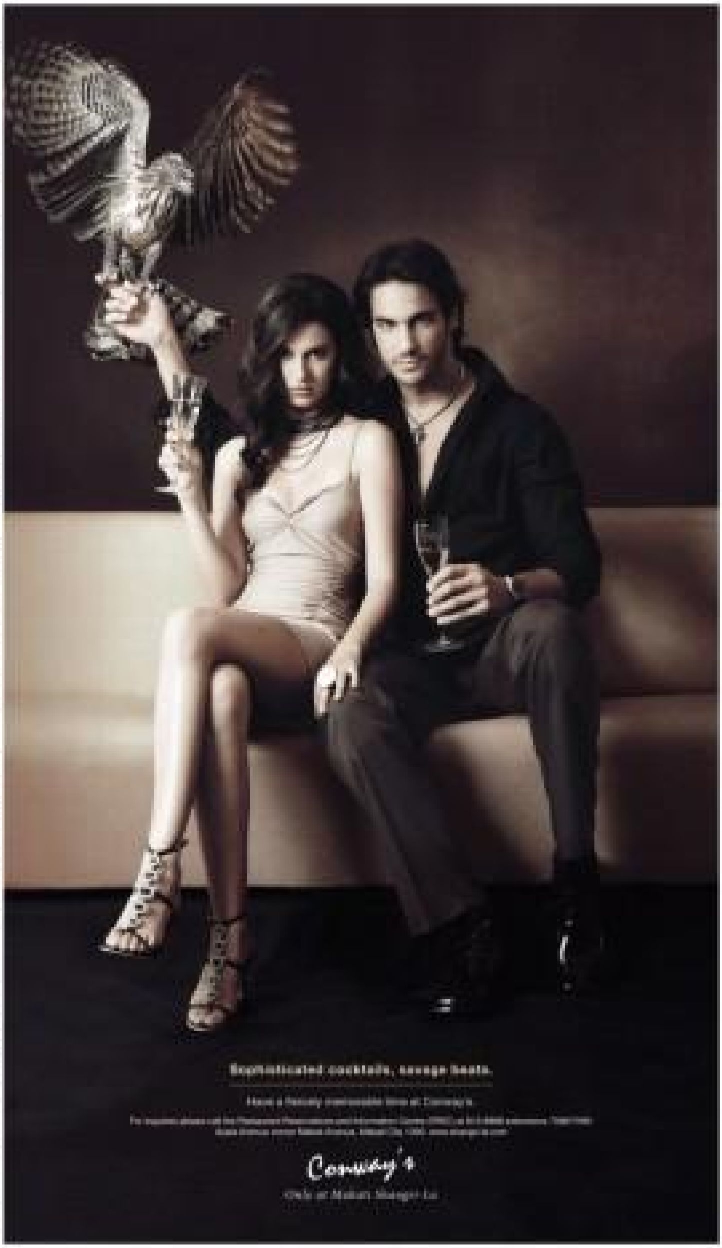
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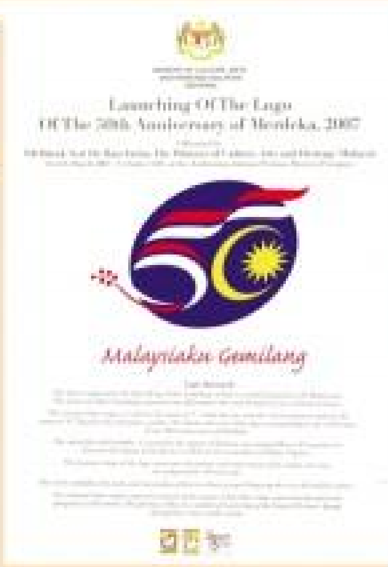
Cash asset

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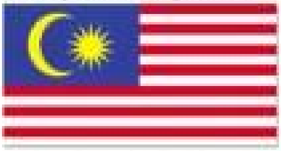
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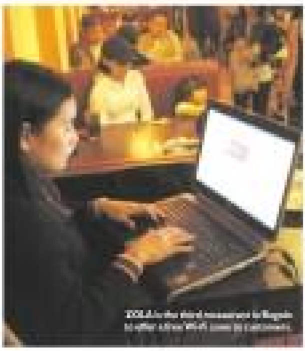
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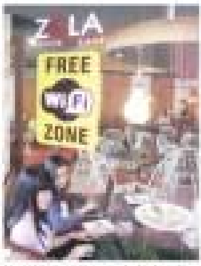
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By Frank Cimatu
Inquirer Northern Luzon

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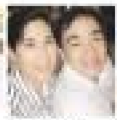
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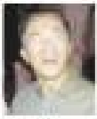
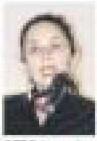






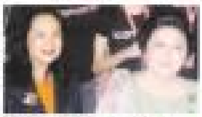

Stuffed and satiated at the Pink Kitchen

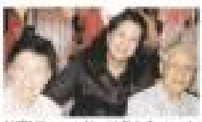
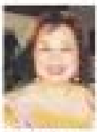
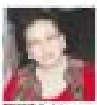
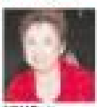






WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



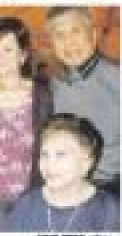









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A triple treat of great buys, savings and fun at 3 SM malls

Super shopping, fabulous fun and big savings are in store for SM Supermallers during the 3-DAY SALE at SM Southmall Las Piñas, SM City San Lazaro, and SM Supercenter Pasig on the weekend of August 31, September 1 and 2.

Participating establishments in all three malls have lined up an exciting array of merchandise pegged at attractive discounts of up to 50% off.

On sale are trendy clothes, electronic gadgets, quality cosmetics, shoes and fashion accessories, appliances, home furnishings and so much more!

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SM SOUTHMALL LAS PIÑAS is home to STORYLAND, the *fun*-tastic in-mall theme park for the whole family.

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Raffle draw hours on September 2 are as follows:

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LIFE-STYLED
Thelma Sioson San Juan

It's a 'bagcentric' era

Our grandmothers and mothers invested in jewelry. This generation is into bags

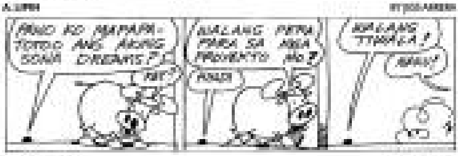
"BUBIGAT NA KAMI!" MY WOMEN friends were saying in between games over the weekend, their faces a pained mix of embarrassment, apology and thrill.



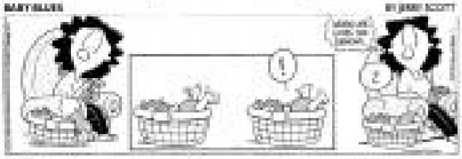
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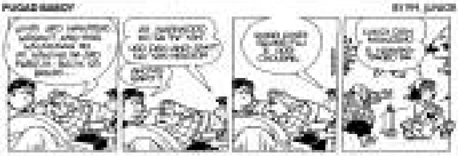
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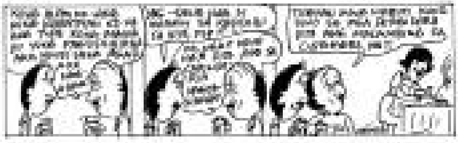
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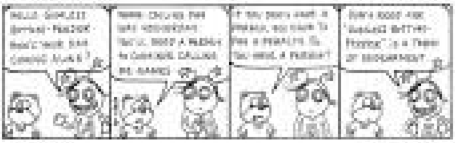


MUTTS — BY PATRICK McDONNELL



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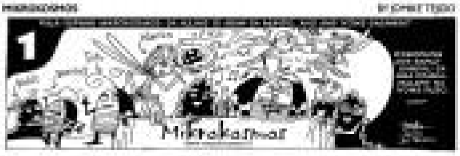
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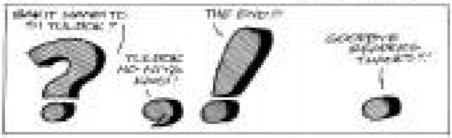
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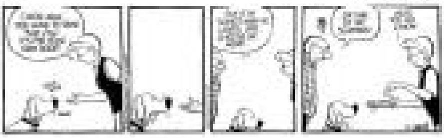
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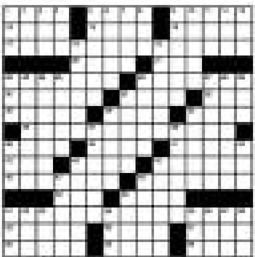
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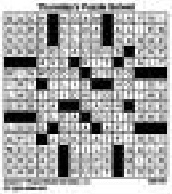


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DAILY CROSSWORD





HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — by Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Goings On

Bar tour for mag's 1st year



It's time to avoid Trans Fat!

What is Trans Fat?

Proven Unhealthy

Common Foods with Trans Fat

Go for Zero Trans Fat

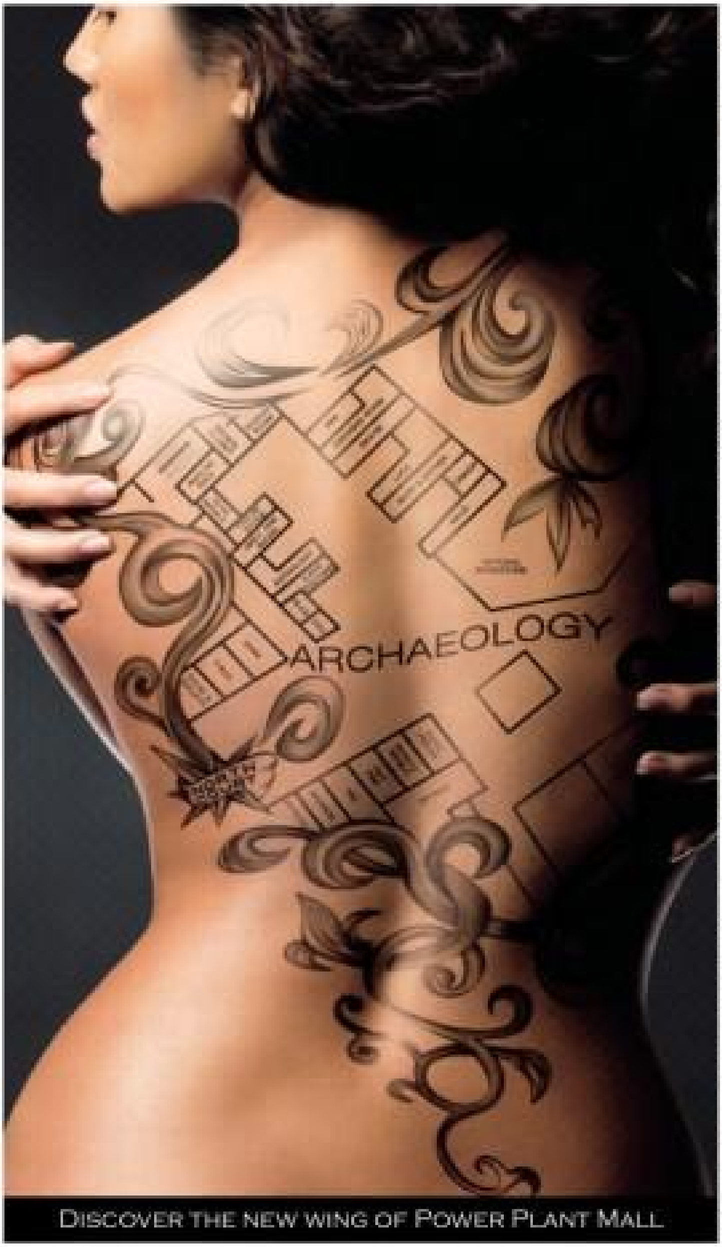


Manly timepieces for feminine chic





It's a 'bagcentric' era



LIFESTYLE

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BEAUTY

Sensational scents

By Bianca Consunji
Contributor

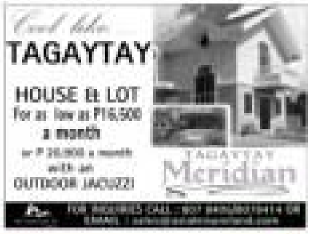
DESPITE THE WIDE VARIETY of perfumes on the market, many women still have a difficult time choosing their signature scent, claiming that some perfumes are too sweet, flowery or musky. However, there's no denying that the perfumes out on the market now are definitely more unusual than the ones that our grandmothers wore decades ago. There are scents for women who prefer fresh, clean scents as well as for those who would

SENSATIONAL, C2



KEIRA Knightley for Coco Mademoiselle











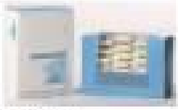




Sensational scents







A toast to skin whitening

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Tests show that they not only control dandruff, they also check acne. So for good hair and good skin, go matey

Men's anti-dandruff treatment also works well for women



MAKEOVER 911



LAST WEEK'S ARTICLE ON shampoo for oily hair has led several readers to remind me of my promised review for Clear Anti-Dandruff shampoo. Undoubtedly it's the most advertised shampoo on the market today. It seems wherever I turn or whatever local channel I switch to on TV or radio, there is some plug by Clear.

Of course, this beauty junkie is not immune to beauty product hype and it led me to try out all the variants, some in minis and others in full size.

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The variant that best suited my needs and had the best performance level... Clear Anti-dandruff Shampoo Men's Line [illegible]

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No odor

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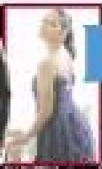
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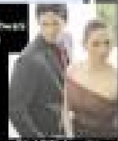


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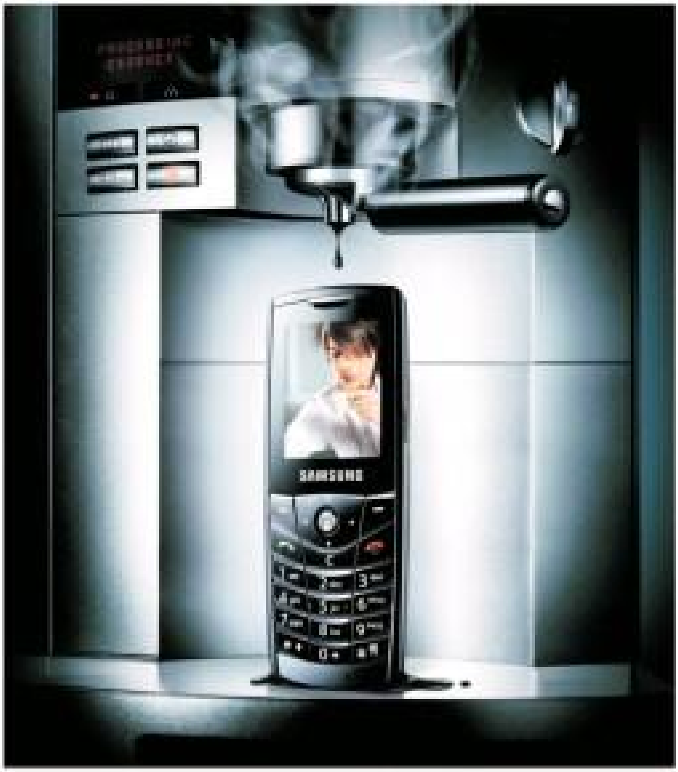


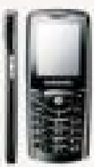


Model citizens

Twenty years of PMAP

Challenges



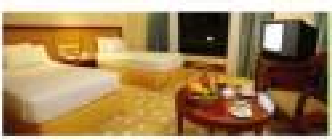


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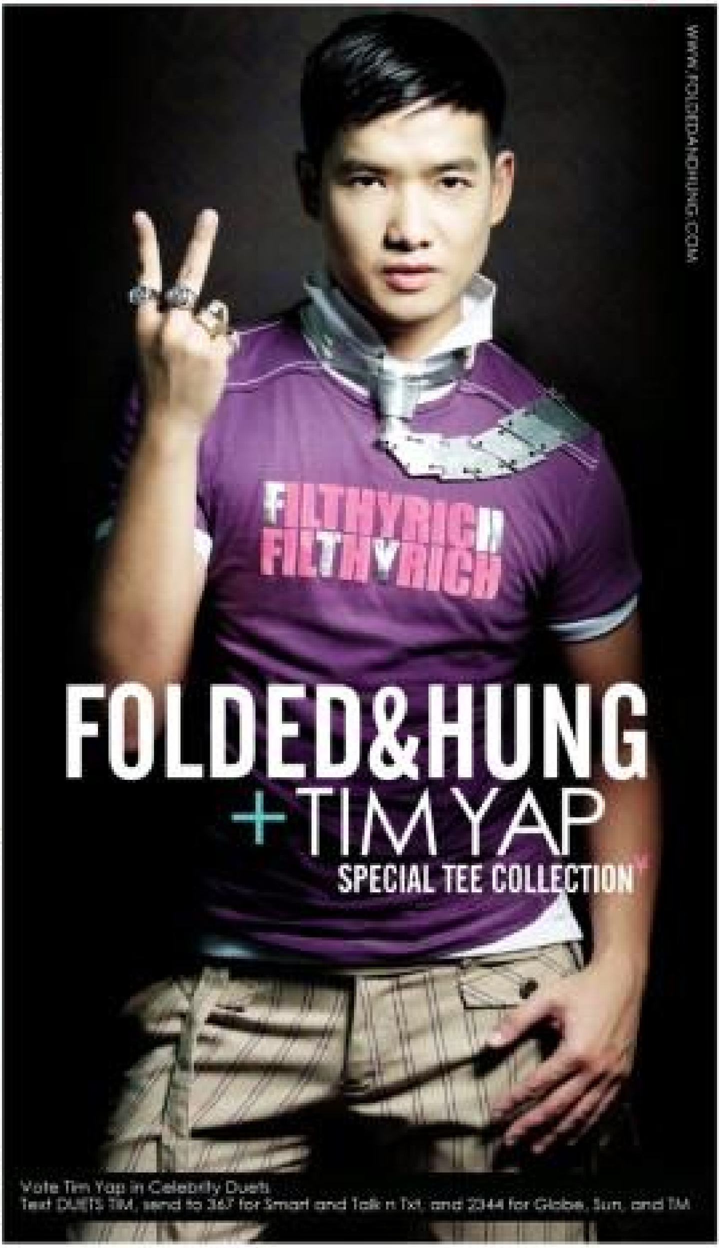


Fashion currency

Think rich, wear rich!



Jackpot!



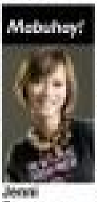


I can do anything!

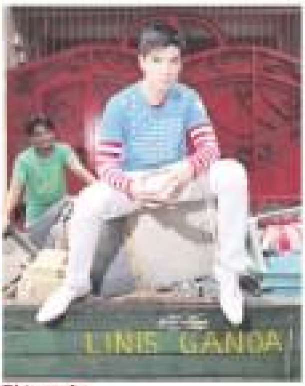


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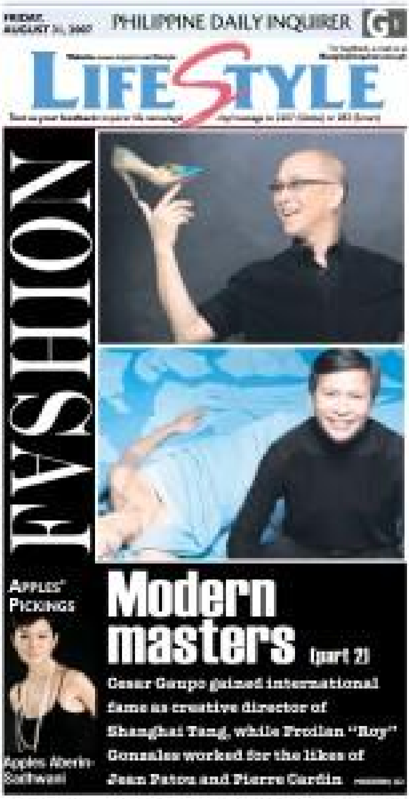
Mabuhay!



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FASHION

APPLES' PICKINGS

Modern masters (part 2)

Cesar Gaupo gained international fame as creative director of Shanghai Tang, while Froilan "Roy" Gonzales worked for the likes of Jean Patou and Pierre Cardin







Modern masters (part 2)

WE BRING TO YOU TWO MORE FASHION masters who have successfully worked for international houses around the globe, and yet chose to return to their beloved homeland.

Cesar Gaupo,

joyful dreamer



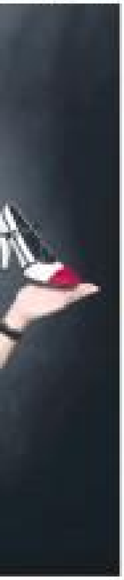
CESAR Gaupo juggles dual roles as couturier and shoe designer.



Frolian "Boy" Gonzales,

heir apparent





to Manila along. "this is it and this is me, don't bother me." But in the end, I just had to do it. Designing in Manila was proving to be boring, after all. So I thought I'd give it a try and see what happens.

Are you still working for them?

I resigned in 2006 but they asked me to do a few things for them this year. I have a new contract, actually, but it's totally different from the previous. It's non-exclusive. But I'm staying in Hong Kong.

I would not really allow that to happen again, that I would have to stay in Hong Kong. I had a lot of offers there after Shang-hai Tang. I didn't accept them because I really want to live here.

For me, where I live is very important. I wouldn't trade it for earning capacity and fame. I find [illegible] my priority to, as before. I'm not into the fabulous lifestyle. I want to live a simple and peaceful life.

Why did you continue to shoes?

As I said earlier, I want to do other things. Besides, it's always been a problem for my clients and me to find shoes whenever I make clothes or gowns. They don't have to be fancy, but the design and quality of the materials should be good. I can make simple clothes, but I want the best shoes and bags. Not decorated, nothing like that, but they have to make a statement.

Why, in your opinion, are you considered one of Manila's modern masters?

I have nothing that, but I just don't know. I think people who say that should answer that.

What does it take to be a modern master?

Hard work and consistency. You have to be consistent with what you like. That, you also have to be a dreamer.

You've been designing for 35 years. How have you adapted to the changing times and fashion? How do you position to be a basic your work?

Rigor's young attitude for me, I never dwell on my last work. There's always something new for me. If people say I'm a good designer, then I aspire to be better than what they thought me to be. There's never a stop or pause. I have to continue developing, discovering, creating. You have to keep coming up with something different.

Where do you draw all these ideas from?

Rigor is judged for long. From those people, even from women, like you. When women talk, move, they're telling me how they feel... This drives me to do things for a certain person or character or attitude. You know, when I do designs for people, it's always the person who inspires me. Every time I do something, I'm trying to... someone or something else.

What are your current projects?

Right now I'm doing consultancy for Quest, for fashion accessories. We just finished joining the Hong Kong Fashion Week last July. I did consultancy for 11 companies for fashion and fine jewelry.

I love it because it's not only about designing the piece but also designing the whole ambiance of the booth. I know where they're from and I know where they should go. I love that planning, making visions, making goals, conceptualizing. Those are things I learned from Hong Kong where we used to work on five- to sixyear projects.

Where are you at this point in your career?

Right now, I am very comfortable with who I am and what I am doing. It's all about enjoying the things around me. And I know there's going to be another exciting and joyful chapter in my life.

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"Polaroid Toy"

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Leeron Paul Nonet, Parañaque City
"Hangin' Out"

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Ralph Justin R. Bagares, Cebu City
"Loaded"



Ramcel De Leon, Quezon City
"Lights Camera Action"

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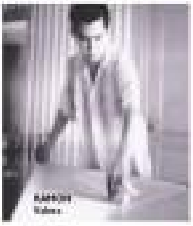


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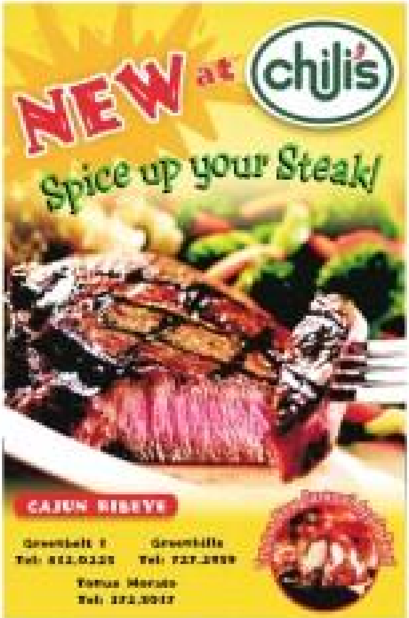
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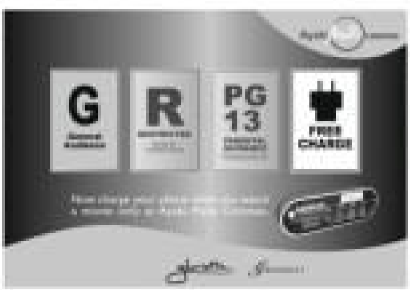
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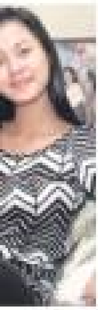
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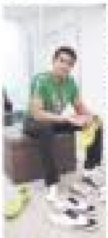
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Minimalist, masculine

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SPACIOUS walk-in closet leads to the bathroom.

The beige duvet stretches to the accent wall, which showcases Alfred's nude photographs taken by Marcos Salvador.

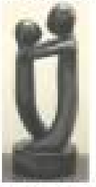
Off-white Roman shades with black trim imbue the place with a "beach house" feel.

"Alfred put in a red chair for color," Michelle says.

Adding a burst of energy to the living room is a cool work by Jose Maria de Jesus, who also created the Virgin Mary in the "reader's grotto" at the entrance.

"A lot of the decor are gifts," Alfred says. "The mother and child figure and Murano pitcher in the living room are from my mom."

On the second level is the bedroom, which Alfred considers his sanctuary. He uses shades and hanging lamps were installed in the room.


MOTHER-and-child wood carving is a gift from his mom.

Michelle explains that a hanging lamp in the bedroom is all the rage in Europe.

Alfred also built a spacious walk-in closet that leads to his art deco bathroom.

Opposite the bedroom is his home office. Alfred is into photography, and makes full use of the computer graphics editor Photoshop.

On the third floor is an entertainment center and mini-gym combined. For this area, Alfred chose cove lights for the ceiling. Michelle installed drawer wood panels for Alfred's extensive DVD collection.

He can spend hours here, he says, watching movies as research. He recounts, "To prepare for the [action drama] 'Bound,' I watched 'Training Day' and 'Infernal Affairs.'"

The mini gym is equipped with a treadmill and all conditions.

"This house was designed so I could do all the things I love, to make me a better actor and person," notes the star of GMA 7's "Impostora" and "Asia Entertainment."

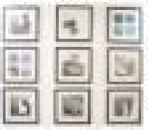
Alfred believes he was able to maximize the potential of the townhouse in spite of limited space and budget.

"It's only 118 sq m," he points out.




ALTAR in the hallway. Religious figures given as gifts by friends.

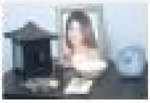

LOTS of paperwork await him at the home office, equipped with a Mac.


ACCENT wall showcases Alfred's nude photographs by Marcos Salvador.

"From outside, it looks [small], but it's actually very spacious. And although it's very private, it's just 10 minutes away from GMA 7."

The house allows him a semblance of normalcy, he says, a respite from the hustle and bustle of show biz.

"Here, I feel free and unmatched," he quips.


BEDSIDE reading table features a wood pagoda and a photo of [illegible].


A SHELVING looks on the steps of the three-level house.


HANGING lamp in the bedroom.

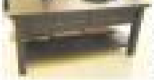

PAINTING by Jose Maria de Jesus adds color to the sala.


SPIFFY bathroom with jet shower is accented with art deco blocks.

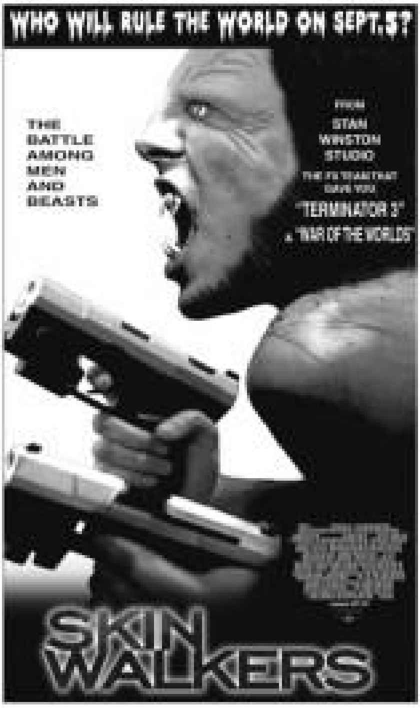



SOME of the home accessories are from "Aug Pagsalaga," his old TV show.

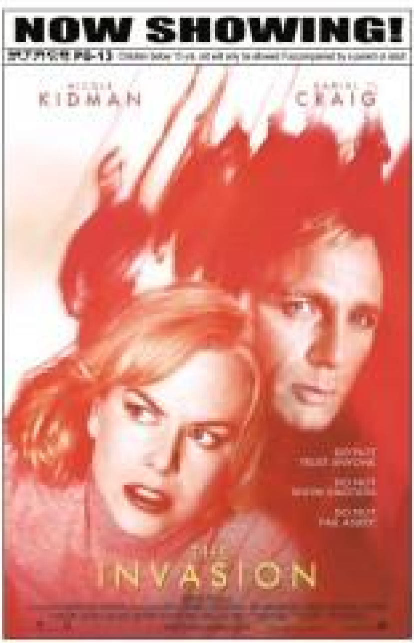
HE BOUGHT this still from his favorite movie, "The Godfather," in LA. The movie stars James Caan, Marlon Brando, Al Pacino and John Cazale.

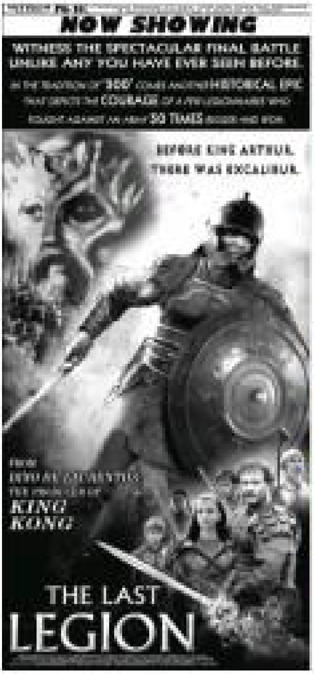

SIMPLE center table is in keeping with the Zen theme.


SCREEN idol swears to use the treadmill at least four times a week.









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DTI, movie-TV board keep hands off 'Wowowee'

By Marinel R. Cruz

GOVERNMENT agencies are taking a hands-off stance regarding alleged cheating on the noontime game show "Wowowee," and ABS-CBN is standing by the program host who maintained that no irregularity transpired in its Aug. 20 episode.

An official of the Department of Trade and Industry told Inquirer Entertainment that the DTI is mandated to protect consumers' rights, but not to oversee the interest of contestants in TV game shows.

The source added: "Only market promotions, like raffles or contests, are required to be registered with the DTI. Game shows are not."

Movie and Television Review and Classification Board chair Marissa Laguardia, meanwhile, said she had yet to receive a formal complaint against "Wowowee." However, she said, friends had prompted her to review the show's Aug. 20 episode.

She said the episode was "neither too explicit nor too violent" and, as such, did not violate MTRCB regulations.

During the episode in question, a new game, "Why, manyo," was launched. In the game, contestants were asked questions under pain of elimination until only one of them remained. The final contestant, who had won P37,000, was made to choose from several wheels, one of which contained the P2-million pot.

The host, Willie Revillame, bartered with the contestant, offering P100,000 for the wheel she had picked. She accepted the offer.

Suspicion

When it was time to reveal where the jackpot money was, Revillame pulled out two different cards instead of one from the wheel, raising suspicions that he could manipulate the game's results.

The network would later say in a statement that it was a "mechanical glitch," the game being new.

"Wowowee," a top-rating show on the network's global circuit via The Filipino Channel (TFC), has been fraught with controversies, the biggest of which was last year's stampede during its first anniversary show, where 71 were killed.



Willie asks: 'Why, Joey?'

HE WAS RIGHT, THAT WAS CLEAR. BUT Willie Revillame also swung between proud and furious during Wednesday's episode of "Wowowee," in the course of a protracted tirade against colleague turned critic Joey de Leon, from a rival program on GMA-7.

Speaking in Filipino and adding tears, Revillame denied talk of cheating in "Wowowee" (story at left) which, he said, de Leon had used to attack him on TV.

Revillame lamented: "You shouldn't do this, Joey! I idolize you." And then he was firm: [illegible]

For a short while, too, he sounded defeated: [illegible]

He rallied his followers: [illegible]

Joey de Leon did not return Inquirer Entertainment's calls for a reaction.



Svenson saved my hair!
- Joey Marquez

For comedian Joey Marquez, hairloss isn't something to laugh about. "I started losing my hair when I was about 38 years old," he recalls. "I was being called 'manogmor' because the bald spot on my head was increasing to the size of a manogmor's cap! You look older with less hair. And nobody wants to look old! But I didn't want to wear a wig either. With the Svenson treatments, I got back my real, natural hair! It was thicker and healthier. It made me look absolutely younger! Svenson saved me from hairloss!"

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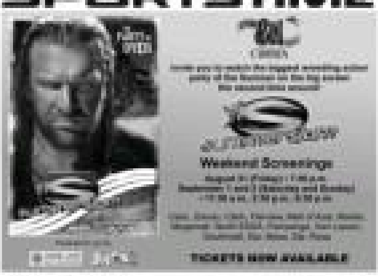


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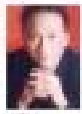
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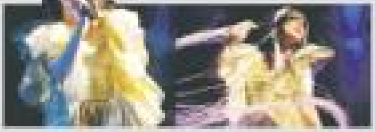


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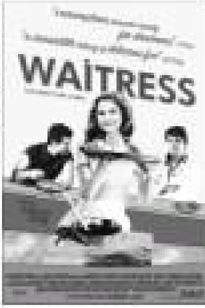
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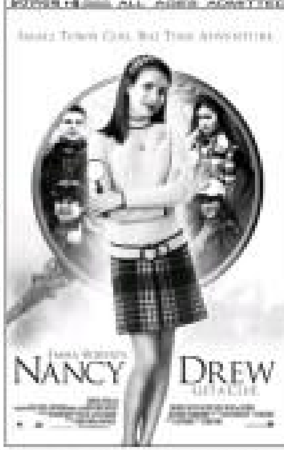
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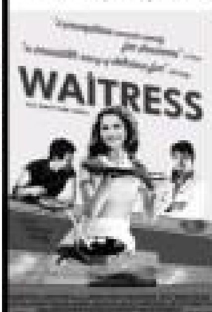
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In Berlin with Tom Cruise, on the set of his controversial movie



WEARING his Stauffenberg bonnet, Tom Cruise talks to reporters at Hotel De Rome in Berlin, where he is filming "Valkyrie," a suspense thriller based on the true story of a plot to assassinate Hitler in 1944.



BILL Nighy, now known all over the world as the half-squid, half-human Captain Davy Jones in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies, discusses a still photo from the movie at the hotel's rooftop terrace.

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BERLIN, GERMANY—NEWS-MAKING controversies may have hounded "Valkyrie," Tom Cruise's thriller about a plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler, but a recent exclusive visit to the set in the German capital showed that the production is proceeding as scheduled.

One group of visiting journalists first saw Tom on Sunday evening at Hotel De Rome, where he talked about his role, Colonel Claus von Stauffenberg, considered a hero in Germany. Stauffenberg and several German officers tried to stop Adolf Hitler and his atrocious regime with an assassination attempt. The thriller is being directed by Bryan Singer (the "X-Men" movies, "Superman Returns") from a script that reunites him with Christopher McQuarrie, his award-winning scriptwriter on the acclaimed "The Usual Suspects." Nathan Alexander co-wrote the screenplay.

Extraordinary

THE CAST includes distinguished British and German actors, including Carice van Houten (who plays Claus' wife, Nina von Stauffenberg), Kenneth Branagh, Terence Stamp, Bill Nighy, Tom Wilkinson, Eddie Izzard, Jamie Parker, Christian Berkel and Thomas Kretschmann.

"It's a very compelling story from a cinematic viewpoint," said Tom, who held a glass of iced soda drink as the sun set in the rooftop terrace of the hotel. In the background, the sun set dramatically on a courtyard, where books by the Jews and liberal writers were once burned by the Nazis.

Tom's hair was cut in the style of Stauffenberg, a Catholic who was executed after a bomb he put in a briefcase exploded but failed to kill the Führer. Initial publicity photos emphasized the resemblance between Tom and Stauffenberg, the best known member of the Nazi resistance, who had earlier lost his left eye, right hand and two fingers on his left hand—the result of serious injuries he suffered when Allied forces strafed his vehicle in the Tunisian desert.

"It's an extraordinary screenplay that Chris McQuarrie wrote," Tom continued. "Bryan is a director that I had been wanting to work with since I saw 'The Usual Suspects.' He's a brilliant filmmaker. And the screenplay itself—my hands were sweating as I read it."

Of the heroism of Stauffenberg, the superstar said, "I thought of it in terms of what Stauffenberg represents. He was someone who realized that he had to take the steps that ultimately cost him his life. He recognized what was at stake. It's compelling when people stand up for things."

He told us the scenes he was going to watch on the set the following day, Monday.

"Stauffenberg comes home and Nina has surprised him by coming from Bamberg to Berlin. Berlin, at this point in the movie, is not a safe city because of the bombings. But she comes to see him. He hasn't seen his children in a long time. He is missing an eye and a hand, but he has wonderful wit."

Practice

Asked what it was like to wear an eye patch for the role, Tom answered, "Your balance is thrown off—you need both eyes to get the depth of field."

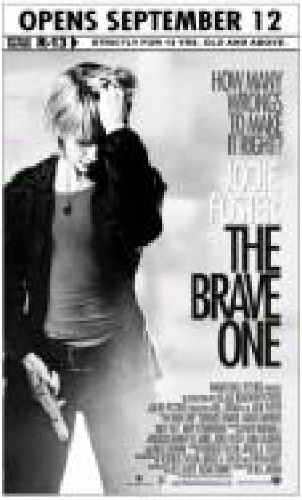
He described the challenges of playing someone with severe injuries: "I practiced a lot, dressing myself and moving around only with the fingers and not having a hand. The thing about Stauffenberg is that he still insisted on writing and was ready for practicing with my left hand. He never wanted any help. Even though his legs were also injured, he worked very hard not to have anyone notice that."

A grandson of Stauffenberg's, Philipp von Schulthess, is in the cast. He said that about 90 percent of his family supported the making of the movie. The earlier controversy centered on the objection of a surviving son of Stauffenberg's.

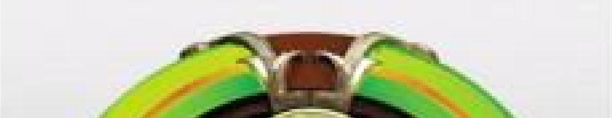
"Valkyrie" is one of the first movies that

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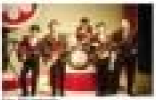


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